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In response to the Office Action, of which the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("PTO") notified Applicants on June 19, 2008, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the above-captioned patent application in view of the following:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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